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## REPORT

### To Our Readers - Owners

#### AN OPEN LETTER

Mr. Henry C. Fleisher  
Director of Publications  
AFLCIO

Dear Sir and Brother:

You, and Managing Editor Saul Miller of the AFLCIO News, certainly should be congratulated on the high quality of the new weekly publication resulting from the merger.

I have read carefully the first eight issues and have been increasingly pleased, as I am sure many of my brother "grass roots" labor paper editors must have been, by the many evidences of good sense, good taste, good editing in general.

In the eighth issue, that of January 28, there are 29 photographs and 5 drawings, a total of 34 illustrations in a 16-page paper, yet there is no air of crowdedness, of mere throwing pictures into a heap. These 34 illustrations included no pictures of President Meany and Secretary Schnitzer, and no cheesecake, which I consider commendable, as it is very easy to overdo mugs of top brass in a labor paper, as well as super-candid shots of irrelevant bosses.

Especially admirable as a thoroughly good piece of illustrated journalism, I feel, is page 13 of the same issue, with its concise, adequate text, and the four good photos showing the dinner meeting of farm and labor wives. Pictures like this, of WOMEN, not CHEESECAKE, are what will get more women interested in the labor movement. (Nor did I serve my apprenticeship on the Christian Science Monitor, but instead on the Hearst sheets!)

On page 12 of the same issue the picture of Max Ritchie of Steelworkers Local 1248, merely "a member" of that local, is the sort of thing I'd like to see plenty of. Not only is there in most labor papers an excess of featuring top brass, but middle brass and lower brass as well. Brother Ritchie is shown at his interesting hobby of violin making. I feel that pictures of "mere" members of our unions actually engaged in their daily work, whether it be the work of a steelworker, a dyer and cleaner, an office worker (not too pretty, just a plain ordinary garden variety one!), etc., would help to make readers realize that our big and really our only function is to represent our people, not our leaders.

One thing I liked in the seventh issue, that of January 21, was putting Vandercook on top of page 9, and Morgan beneath him. I think Morgan ought to be on top one time, and Vandercook next, in regular alternation. If Vandercook is consistently put on the bottom, how is that going to make our CIO brethren feel?

A final suggestion: if something noteworthy and prize-worthy happens in the United Mine Workers—yes, and in Harry Bridges' outfit—why not run a good story on it? That's the practice of Ralph S. White, editor of Labor's Daily, and if the Typographical Union can be that broad-gauge I don't see why the whole vast AFLCIO can't come up to it also, even though I'm familiar with all the routine arguments that might be advanced about the difference between an official and an unofficial publication, etc., etc., etc.

The moderate and sensible tone of the writing in the AFLCIO News also arouses my admiration—although I don't always succeed in achieving that tone myself.

Yours fraternally,  
EDITOR,  
East Bay Labor Journal

**BERKELEY TEACHERS** and non-certified employees of the School Board are to receive 2.3% increase, the board decided this week. The teachers were told it could not be retroactive to July 1 as requested, as this would be illegal. The teachers then asked 5%; refused.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

**AUTO MACHINISTS 1546**  
**HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178**  
**SOUTHERN COUNTY**  
**VOTERS LEAGUE**  
**HAYWARD CULINARY WORKERS & BARTENDERS 823**  
**MILLMEN 550**



**ADLAI SHAKES HANDS.** Adlai Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President, is shown at left, shaking hands with Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208, in the William P. Fee Memorial Room in the Labor Temple. Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, who introduced labor people to the candidate, is shown at back between them. At the right of Ross and back of him is Anthony Ramos, business representative, Millmen 550.

## Labor Meets Adlai at Temple; Richards Backed for Senator

Adlai E. Stevenson was the honored guest of organized labor at the Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash had made it plain in announcing earlier that Stevenson would visit the Labor Temple that the same privilege would be extended to other candidates. So there was no flavor of an official endorsement of any sort, although there was decidedly the flavor of enthusiasm for the great and respected 1952 standardbearer of the Democrats who in 1952 had received the endorsements of both the then separate AFL and CIO. CLC President John F. Quinn and the newly elected CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx stood with Ash and County CIO Council President Gordon Laughland at the door as Ash and Laughland introduced the labor people as they filed out after Stevenson's brief talk. Manuel Dias, CIO State President, was prominent in the group.

Ash introduced Stevenson as "the next President of the United States," and Stevenson commenced his talk with the smiling remark, "If that's all there is to it, Mr. Ash, I might as well quit campaigning."

The candidate for the Democratic nomination went on to say:

"Mr. Ash tells me he suspects that most of you who are Democrats. I am very glad to hear this, but it relieves me from the necessity of making any long talk to convert you."

"I would, however, like to suggest to those of you who are Democrats that the position of the Democratic Party in this campaign is not as comfortable as some people seem to think. When Big Money, Big Industry, and the Big Press are in possession of the Government you have a very formidable situation to face."

"I am personally grateful to any one of you who plans to support me. I am also grateful to any of you who do not intend to support the Democratic Party."

"I did not take on this enormous project merely to achieve the honor of being the candidate of the party, for I have already had that honor. I am undertaking it because of my profound conviction that we should restore the Executive to the Democratic Party as we have already restored the Congress to it."

Stevenson concluded with the statement, which brought a laugh: "The lecture is now ended." Newspaper, television, and movie photographers swarmed in the Temple while Stevenson was there, some of them climbing up on desks to get good "shots" over the heads of the crowd.

The meeting with Stevenson was held in the William P. Fee Conference Room across the hall from the assembly room where the Central Labor Council regularly meets.

That same day in the evening Stevenson spoke to some 3500 persons at a box luncheon affair in the Oakland Auditorium. "You can't conduct foreign diplomacy from a newsstand," the candidate told his audience, "or by conflicting statements of the President and the Secretary of State — aided at times by those part time secretaries of

## Oakland W. T. Grant Store Signs With Clerks Union 1265

The W. T. Grant store in Oakland has signed an agreement with Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265.

The organizing battle has gone on for a considerable time, but recently the big store entered an interim agreement with the union, and during this period the regular working agreement has been negotiated and signed, said Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer of the union.

"All union people should feel pretty free to trade with the Grant store in Oakland," said Mathiesen. "We have an agreement, the store is unionized, our union greatly appreciates the assistance given us by labor people in this matter."

Under the terms of the agreement, wages are advanced \$2.50 a week, bringing top scale to \$50.50 for a 5-day 40-hour week; there is a \$6 monthly health and welfare clause; vacation one week after 6 months, 2 weeks after one year, 3 weeks after 2 years, and 4 weeks after 20 years.

Some 35 persons are covered by the agreement.

## Many Unions Here Send in Checks to Aid Flood Victims

AFLCIO contributions to flood relief climbed near the \$100,000 mark last week, State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty announced, as he released a list of unions which up to January 26 had sent in contributions directly to the AFLCIO Flood Relief Committee, 995 Market Street, Room 810, San Francisco 3.

Haggerty again urged unions to send contributions to the committee, making out the checks to the committee.

As of January 26, the Alameda county locals sending in donations, said Haggerty, were:

**Electrical Workers 1245**  
**Typographical 36**  
**Alameda County Building Trades Council**  
**Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119-C**  
**Paint Makers 1101**  
**Communications Workers 9415**  
**Newspaper Writers 2279**  
**Electrical Workers 595**  
**Hod Carriers 166**  
**Rubber Workers 64**  
**Laundry Workers 2**  
**Shipyards Laborers 886**  
**Glass Bottle Blowers 137**  
**Pressmen 39**  
**Laborers 304**  
**Gardeners 1206**  
**Boilermakers 39**  
**Sheet Metal Workers 355**  
**Cemetery Workers 322**  
**Bay Area Fire Fighters**  
**Scrap Iron Workers 1088**  
**Transport Service Employees 95**

**Motion Picture Operators 169**  
**Teachers 771**  
**Culinary 31**  
**Commercial Telegraphers 208**  
**Glass Bottle Blowers 141**

**GOVERNOR KNIGHT** added his mite to the GOP fracas in the State recently by declaring that in his opinion Vice President Nixon would make a stronger candidate for President than would Senator Knowland. It had always previously been assumed Nixon was Knight's favorite hate.

## Spotlight On Congress Lit At BTC Meet

The extreme importance of building trades unions keeping their eye on Congress, and watching bills affecting labor there, was stressed at the meeting of the Building Trades Council this week.

An urgent telegram from President Richard J. Gray of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department was read by BTC Secretary John Davy. Gray called attention to the need for getting in touch with Congressmen from this area on prevailing wage provisions in School Bill HR-7535.

### NEXT WEEK FULL REPORT OF SICK LEAVE CASE

Next week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal will publish a full account of the hearing in Superior Court of the Building Trades Council's suit against the Regents of the University of California for sick leave denied UC employees.

Joseph E. Smith, attorney for the council in the action, made a report on the case at this week's BTC meeting. He said no decision is expected until some time after May 12.

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Congressman Barden, chairman of the House Labor Committee, is opposing inclusion of provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act in the bill, said Gray.

Not only is the council sending wires to Congressmen on the matter, but individuals are getting in touch with them by postcard, letter, and personal contact.

Another step in the same direction was taken at the council meeting when Business Representative J. L. Childers was elected to attend the AFLCIO Building Trades Department legislative conference to be held in Washington March 5-8.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenter 1622, said his international union had been stressing the great importance of this legislative conference. A letter was read from President Otto Neiver of the State BTC pointing out that the similar conference held in 1955 in Washington "the California delegation made one of the most outstanding records" and that he hoped this year would prove true this year.

### DUFFY'S RADIO, ETC.

Edward J. Bird, business manager, Radio & Television Engineers 202, wrote the council that the following firms are "all nonunion and as such do not deserve the support of organized labor: Duffy's Radio & Television Service, Reliable TV Service, Dee's TV Service, and Guaranteed TV Service."

### KOHLER STRIKE

The Board of Business Agents reported that a representative of United Auto Workers had appeared before it and outlined the strike against the Kohler Plumbing Mfg. Co. in Wisconsin, and that the council should "give any support possible to the Kohler strikers," in which the council concurred.

### JURY PAY

John Heimans, business representative, Painters 40, introduced on behalf of that local a resolution calling for an increase in jury pay.

### Herbert Christiansen Of Food Clerks Passes

Herbert Christiansen, member of Food Clerks 870 for some years, died recently at the age of 43.

He had been having heart trouble, and not long ago consented to an unusual operation which it was believed might save his life. For a time he had seemingly recovered, but recently took ill again.

Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Local 870, said Christiansen was highly regarded by his fellow unionists.

## Quarterly Culinary 823 Meeting at Livermore

The quarterly meeting of members of Culinary & Bartenders Local 823 in the Pleasanton and Livermore area will be held Monday, February 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., at Foresters Hall in Livermore.

Floyd Attaway, business representative and organizer, is reminding members of the importance of this meeting, as due to its quarterly nature it is of special significance.

## Safeway Throws In Sponge; Boycott of Others Continues

Peter Andrade, director of the Western Cannery Council, was this week stressing the fact that the consumer boycott of scab applesauce produced behind picket lines at some Sebastopol canneries is still continuing.

But he didn't mind admitting, if pressed, that victories were beginning to pile up. For instance:

1—Safeway threw in the sponge, announcing to the striking Teamster Warehouse union that the big chain's purchasing agents are now buying applesauce only from nonstriking canneries, and that their supplies now on the shelves come from nonstriking canneries.

2—The Silveira & O'Connell cannery announced that they had given notice of dismissal to the W. M. Caldwell union-busting outfit, the California Employers Association, which clears the way for negotiations with the union for a contract.

3—The Barlow cannery made a similar announcement.

These accessions to the union cause, preceded earlier, as previously reported in East Bay Labor Journal, by the withdrawal of the big Cooperative Cannery from the Caldwell ring and the subsequent signing of an agreement with the union, indicated the consumer boycott's effectiveness.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, who has been very active in organizing the boycott in Alameda county, announced the surrender of Safeway at the CLC meeting last night.

### HERE ARE FAIR BRANDS OF APPLE SAUCE TO BUY

Here are the fair brands of apple sauce, processed by the Sebastopol Cooperative Cannery, which has signed a contract with the Teamster Warehouse union:

Stokely, Appletime, Applecrest, Skookum, Monarch, Tasti-Diet, Pratt-Low, Casey-Swayne, Balboa, Lady's Choice, Maid-Rite, Yosemite, Iris, S & F, Apple City, Million Star.

## Miller Introduces Retirement Bill

Congressman George P. Miller, Democrat, 8th District, has introduced a bill, HR 8848, to revise the Civil Service Retirement Act.

The Government Employees Council is greatly interested in getting the measure passed. This bill was originally introduced in the Senate by Senator Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Miller's bill would correct inequities in the present law and would equalize rights and benefits under it. It is a challenge of his bill that "it is a challenge to the Republican Administration which has followed its usual pattern of giving off with a lot of talk but not trying to implement its talk."

## Optic Technicians 'Don't Patronize'

Frank J. Heim, Optical Technicians 18791, told the Central Labor Council this week that his union is involved in "what you might say is a death struggle" with big optical outfits.

"We struck the Wooster Co. and now these other firms have locked us out," said Heim. "We earnestly request labor people to remember us, and not to patronize the firms involved in the dispute."

Heim named these firms, in addition to Wooster: Jenkel-Davidson, Franklin, Ferrari & Risi, Parsons, Drake, and the Pacific (Green's Eye Hospital).

## Endorsements Will Be Made on Apr. 6

The California Labor League for Political Education, the political vehicle of the State Federation of Labor in this State, will have observers from the State CIO sit in on the screening of candidates for the U. S. Senate.

A one-day convention of the Labor League will be held April 6 in San Francisco, it was announced by League President Thomas L. Pitts and Secretary C. J. Haggerty.

The convention will endorse candidates not only for U. S. Senate, but House of Representatives, and State Legislature.

## CLC Standing Boards Elected; Richard Groulx Is Installed

The Central Labor Council at its meeting Monday elected the Executive Committee, the Investigating Committee, and delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention.

All of the standing committees mentioned, and the delegates to the convention, are elected

officers of the council are elected for three-year terms, and are just completing the first year of such a term.

Following are those elected to the 15-man Executive Committee, with the number of votes each received:

**Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302 — 161 votes**  
**Frank DeMartini, Teamsters 70 — 154 votes**  
**Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432 — 151 votes**  
**Pat Sander, Cooks 228 — 149 votes**  
**Roy Woods, Hayward Culinary 823 — 148 votes**  
**Tom Connor, Warehousemen 853 — 142 votes**  
**Edrie Wright, Culinary 31 — 129 votes**  
**Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870 — 126 votes**  
**Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101 — 125 votes**  
**Russell Crowell, Cleaners 23 — 125 votes**  
**Les Moore, Painters 1176 — 125 votes**  
**Edna Lallement, Building Service 18 — 119 votes**  
**John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382 — 105 votes**  
**Eddie Mamey, Laundry Drivers 2 — 103 votes**  
**F. V. Stambaugh, Carmen 192 — 99 votes**

Other candidates for the Executive Committee were: Bud Williams, Auto Machinists 1546 — 98 votes

A. J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219 — 67 votes

### INVESTIGATORS

Those elected to the 5-member Investigating Committee were:

**Bea Slettum, Culinary 31 — 133 votes**  
**Floyd Attaway, Hayward Culinary 823 — 127 votes**  
**Sam Blanford, Machinists 284 — 104 votes**  
**A. J. Hayes, Auto Machinists 1546 — 89 votes**  
**E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55 — 89 votes**

Other candidates for the Investigating Committee were:

**John Matheis, Steamfitters 342 — 76 votes**  
**Edie Kendall, Ink & Roller Makers 5 — 72 votes.**

### DELEGATES

The two elected as delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention were:

**Robert S. Ash, CLC Secretary — 111 votes**  
**Joseph Souza, Clerks & Lumber Handler 939 — 110 votes**  
Another candidate for delegate was:  
**Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36 — 84 votes**

### GROULX INDUCTED

Richard Groulx, Office Employees 29, was installed in office by President John F. Quinn as Assistant Secretary of the Central Labor Council.

George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302, chairman of the Election Committee, had previously read the report of the committee, showing that Groulx in the election the week before had polled 157 votes to the 117 polled by Tom Connor, Warehousemen 853.

President Quinn said as he called Groulx up front for installation:

"Last week we went through a major election. In democratic bodies the decision of the voters is accepted by all. There were differences of opinion. My own hope and prayer is that we accept the results, and unitedly keep this one of the best labor movements in the United States. To you, Brother Groulx, my personal congratulations. It is my pleasure now to install you in the office to which you have been elected."

### WHITE BALLOT

As previously reported in East Bay Labor Journal, a white ballot was cast for persons nominated for reelection without opposition, which included:

**Trustee — W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service 18**  
**Law & Legislative Committee — Robert S. Ash, CLC Secretary; H. J. Badger, Cooks 228; Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432; Jeffery Coleman, Milk Drivers 302; E. H. Vernon, Auto Machinists 1546**

**Fraternat Delegate to Building Trades Council — T. J. Roberts, Engineers 39.**

**HERBERT H. PUTKEY'S**, appointment as executive secretary of the California Group Vision Plan was announced recently by Forrest Bachman, chairman of the board of directors of the non-profit organization, whose headquarters are in Oakland at 530 15th Street.



## HOW TO BUY

**New Clothes, Laundering and Care**  
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Improved materials that can ease laundering and help your clothes look better and even last longer, are appearing on the market. But there are also some new garments that have proved to have disappointing as well as favorable features.

Among recent developments that can help free your family from much of the drudgery of care and laundering of clothes, are Arnel, a new acetate-type fabric that can be machine-washed and needs only a minimum of ironing; improved resin finishes for cotton garments that help them resist wrinkles and dirt; and water-resistant shoes, that promise to be especially useful for industrial and outside workers, and families with children.

But embossed materials, often used for housedresses these days, have been shown in use to have problems as well as virtues. Their advantage is that they need less ironing. But the embossed design is sometimes removed by dry cleaning or a hot iron, and sometimes even by ordinary wear. If you buy a housedress or other embossed or crimped fabric, make sure the label says the design is permanent, and even then it's safer to wash and iron gently, and without steaming.

Here is information to help you use the potential advantages of the newer clothing items that are easier to live with and care for:

**Arnel** is really a much-improved acetate (a first cousin to rayon). For family use it has advantages over acetate in that Arnel can be washed in a machine. However, Arnel is not stronger than acetate, and not as strong as nylon and Dacron, or even cotton or viscose rayon (now known simply as rayon). But it is less costly than nylon and Dacron, does not have their tendency to form little fiber pills and has better "hand" or draping quality for dresses and blouses.

This department suggests that you will find Arnel most useful for men's sports shirts and women's blouses.

**Resin-treated cottons** have been available for some time in dresses and blouses. Synthetic resins are used to impregnate the tiny cotton fibers, and thus improve the fabric by making it more wrinkle resistant, dirt resistant and even longer wearing. Impartial tests by the Missouri Experiment Station found that the resin-finished cottons not only wrinkle and crease less than do untreated cottons, but they shrink less in laundering, show less fraying of edges, and iron more easily and smoothly.

However, the tests also showed there was a gradual loss of the resin in laundering, with some fabrics losing their crease-resistant finish especially rapidly.

**Water-repellent shoes** are another useful development. Those already on the market are men's oxfords and high shoes tanned with Sylflex, a silicone treatment that makes leather

permanently water repellent and also longer wearing.

Meanwhile it's both possible and desirable to make shoes water repellent with home preparations. To treat the leather itself, you can apply such water-resistant finishes as Gard and Aqua-Pruf (also useful for snow-suits and other outdoor garments). Or you can use a simple preparation developed by the Army to make shoes water-resistant. Melt a quarter-pound of petroleum jelly and a half-ounce of beeswax by warming them carefully and stirring thoroughly and apply the grease when it is warm. Particularly grease the edge of the sole and the welt, which is where shoes leak most, and saturate the sole itself with the grease. You can also use a liquid rubber compound, which dries to natural rubber, to seal the seams, especially between the sole and the upper. Liquid rubber compounds are available in hardware stores (one brand is called "Rub-R-Ize"), and are also useful for repairing rubber overshoes, and for weatherstripping and other home uses.

### If You Garden

#### Zinnias

Amateur flower growers looking for a simple annual flower can do no better than to choose the zinnia, according to Harry Graves, horticulturist.

Zinnias are as easy to grow as garden beets, he says. In fact, you will usually find them growing in the vegetable garden in rows spaced 18 inches apart. Zinnias are grown primarily as a cut flower.

Persian Carpet, a recent All-American variety of zinnia, is an excellent sort to start out with. This tiny variety with flowers of many color combinations, grows about 12 inches tall. The flowers are about 1 inch across. Peppermint Stick, as the name implies, has petals striped in various combinations of red and white. It is grown as a novelty more often than for its beauty.

Lilliput, or Pompon zinnias have small pompon like flowers on low bushy plants. These Lilliputs come in a wide color range and several varieties, including Black Ruby, the very dark maroon, All-American Bronze medal winner.

If you want to grow larger varieties, the new red, Blaze, the older, but still popular Will Rogers, and variety Kismet, new for 1956, are suggested by Graves.

**AUDIO-VISUAL** teaching aids distribution to schools in Alameda County has doubled during the past five years, according to a report received from Dr. Vaughn D. Seidel, county schools superintendent.

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## Free World Labor Helps to Organize Plantation Work

**BRUSSELS (AFLCIO)** — The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, is stepping up the tempo on its toughest organizing job—forming an estimated 10 million of the world's "most exploited and underpaid workers" into strong labor unions.

The objective is the plantation workers of Latin America, the Caribbean area, Asia and Africa, the victims of the most appalling poverty on earth.

Millions of them, according to ICFU Gen. Sec. J. H. Oldenbrook, live and work under conditions that are worse than at the beginning of the industrial revolution in other countries.

The drive is being financed by the Confederation of Labor and the Sugar Workers Federation in Cuba, the International Landworkers Federation, the International Union of Food and Drink Workers Associations, and the ICFU itself.

It is being sparked from ICFU headquarters in Brussels and from regional offices in New York—because of its importance as a world market center—Mexico City, Havana and Kuala Lumpur, Malaya. Other nerve centers will be added later.

Plantation workers are the men and women who plant, tend and harvest the world's supply of internationally distributed crops like cotton, tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, rubber, etc. Oldenbrook recently called them the most downtrodden workers in the world. With few exceptions they live, work and die in miserable housing. They have little medical care, generally no schools, and often not even a money economy.

The organizing drive stems from the ICFU World Conference of Plantation Workers held last October in Geneva and attended by workers' representatives from 20 countries.

It was launched against a background of impressive successes on a comparatively small scale gained by the hard work of the two international trade secretariats, and the ICFU and its regional affiliates in Asia and the Americas.

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## FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

**'THAT NEW PUPPY'** is the title of a handy, readable little booklet sold for 10 cents by the American Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which can be got by writing to the association at 441 East 92nd street, New York 28, N. Y.

Mrs. Marion B. Carr, editor of a natural history bulletin put out for children, says that many people do not realize that dogs, especially puppies, require intelligent care, and that instead of trying to get a very young child to take full time care of a puppy, it is better to assign the child some one little task, such as keeping water in the puppy's dish, and leaving the main care in the hands of an adult. That means Mother, of course.

Youngsters are apt to over-see a puppy, and a dog, unlike his wiser cousin the cat, doesn't know when to stop eating. Then a puppy will catch cold easier than a child, even, and that's easy enough.

**TEASING PUPPIES** encourages meanness in what ordinarily would be a happy, good-natured companion. Yet parents have a tendency to blame the puppy rather than the child if the puppy begins showing his teeth and growling.

"Give the puppy a break!" is the heartfelt advice of one pet store man. He says all too often he has seen a weeping child and irate parents return a puppy on the ground that "no one can get along with this little beast." Evidently the pet store man has his own idea about just who's the little beast!

**OTHER PETS** than puppies are to be observed, if you visit around in many homes, which amuse the children, and yet which you can't expect to get good care from the children alone.

If a pet comes into a home, it's a definite responsibility for the adults; you can't in good conscience shunt the whole job onto the inexperience and irresponsibility of children.

### Making Ends Meet

#### Tableware

A first consideration in selecting tableware is the kind of living you and your family enjoy.

Heavier glassware and dinnerware — such as stoneware and pottery — are appropriate for informal living, but finer china and glassware are more in tune with more formal living. Dishes, glassware, flatware and table coverings should be in keeping with the textures and colors used in the home.

Select dishes, glassware and flatware first, since they are the more costly part of the table setting. Table cloths and place-mats are less expensive and can be more varied.

With care in handling, china will give better service than earthenware but it is more expensive to replace if it is broken. Earthenware is porous and is absorbent without a glaze but that real china or porcelain is non-absorbent even without a glaze.

Crazing on dishes is caused by sudden changes in temperature. For example, if dishes are cold, and boiling hot water is poured over them, crazing may occur. Good-quality china will not craze, however. Fine earthenware crazes more easily than pottery with a colored glaze.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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When nineteen experts put their heads together to rate colored ties—noting for instance if one was redder, lighter or weaker than another—their average judgment was only a little better than that of fifteen non-experts. The experts, however, agreed among themselves more closely than the laymen.

Researchers at the National Bureau of Standards are now trying to develop a simple machine that will tell how much and in what ways two colors differ. It would be faster and more accurate than the expert samplers that today do about 90 percent of the industrial color testing.

But the machine is a difficult assignment. The objective readings of a machine often tell very little about how a color would appear to the average observer, or the housewife who does the buying.

To make the curves of the spectrophotometer meaningful in terms of the housewife's discriminating eye requires the services of an expensive computer. The other common machine, with their electric eyes, pose other problems, primarily how to keep them from wandering off standard.

How far are we from a machine that can appraise color differences and interpret them strictly in accord with the average judgment of the American buyer?

"We ought to have one by 1965," Dr. Deane Judd, who is coordinating the N. B. S. project, said.

### News About Women

#### Older Women

**DETROIT** — Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, assistant to the Secretary of Labor for Women's Affairs, declared that "abilities and attitudes rather than age" are the factors that should count in the world of work.

Addressing an "Age of Opportunity" conference for mature women in Detroit's Backham Educational Memorial, Mrs. Leopold said that the effective utilization of the nation's working population called for full recognition of the contribution mature workers are capable of making. "The use of such men and women," she stressed, "not only is essential to the national economy but an important means of achieving our goals in human relations."

Of the 20 million women in the labor market today, some 12 million are at least 35 years of age. Five million are 35 to 44 years old and over 7 million are 45 or over. Older women workers, Mrs. Leopold emphasized are responsible, stable, and intensely loyal. When suitably placed, they usually become efficient employees. — Labor's Daily.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**DOES YOUNG JOHNNY**, in begging you to let him do some forbidden thing, always add, "Mike's mother let's him. Why can't I?"

Does you pre-teen Susie tell you that all the other girls wear lipstick and red nail polish and that you are an old meanie not to let her?

Do these arguments bother you a bit and make you feel that perhaps after all you are too fussy, and if all the other mothers are more lenient, perhaps you should give in more to the pleadings of these young district attorneys?

If you get to feeling that way, you should take a bit of time and check with some of these other mothers.

You would find, to be sure, that in some cases they did let the kids do all these things you considered undesirable. On the other hand, you might find that some of these much-quoted mothers had HAD you quoted to THEM by their own offspring.

Not that the kids mean to lie. In putting on the pressure they just stretch things a bit.

In one neighborhood the parents solved some of these problems by regularly going in to "huddles" on the subject.

They got together informally and decided what was and what was not good for their particular youngsters to do, where they should go and when and how. Each family in the neighborhood had the same set of rules. This did not solve all the problems of child-rearing, of course, but it simplified a lot of problems. It introduced a bit of law and order and most of the kids submitted.

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1 cup boiling water  
Combine shortening, sugar, egg and molasses and mix well. Add dry ingredients, then water. Stir until smooth. Drop by teaspoonfuls on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in 400-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 7 dozen 2-inch cookies.

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## Those Attacks on National Health Service Disproved

There have been many stories in the American dailies about the alleged extravagance of operation of the National Health Service in Great Britain. Also the American Medical Association has spread innumerable yarns to the effect that the quality of service given to Britishers under the National Health Service has declined. In contrast to all this, read the following account, from the New York Times of January 26, of the findings of a committee appointed by the Tory Government to investigate National Health Service:

**LONDON** — A committee appointed by the Government reported today there had been no widespread extravagance in the use of money and manpower in the National Health Service. The committee has been investigating for two and a half years. The committee also found that there had been no lowering of service by physicians to patients since the National Health Service was begun in 1948.

Charged with examining the cost, efficiency and future of the service, the five-man committee reported: "We are strongly of opinion that it would be altogether premature at the present time to propose any fundamental change in the structure of the National Health Service."

"What is most needed at the present time is the prospect of a period of stability, in order that all the various authorities and representative bodies can think and plan ahead with the knowledge that they will be building on firm foundations."

While there were defects of organization and administration, the service's record of performance has been one of real achievement, the committee said. "Looking to the future, it is clear that there are long-term problems of high importance confronting the National Health Service, not a few of which can only be solved by the medical profession itself and which call for all the qualities of statesmanship and adaptability that it can command," the committee said.

It reported that it had no suggestions for substantial reductions in the annual cost of the service; that, in fact, some of its recommendations would tend to increase the cost.

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## Painters 40: By-Laws Work Has Begun

By BEN RASNICK

It doesn't seem possible that another week has rolled around, but here it is again. It seems the older you get the faster time flies. The passage of time shouldn't bother you though, if you can look back and see that you have used that time to accomplish something worth while however minor it may seem.

Speaking of accomplishments, your committee composed of council delegates met in the Labor Temple at 8:00 p.m. last Wednesday to begin the task of working out the proposed changes in the council by-laws. The methods of financing, election of business agents, and many other important things were discussed, and when the meeting adjourned, I think each delegate had a pretty good picture of the whole program. However, those members of the committee who are delegates to the State Conference of Painters, are going to look over the operating procedure of District Council No. 36 while they are in Los Angeles. Perhaps they can come back with a few ideas that we could incorporate into our own procedure.

I have heard some talk that the larger locals feel they are carrying the greater share of expense. That is true if we continue to think of "per capita" in terms of "locals". It is true that the smaller locals will carry less of the financial burden, but it is also true that each individual member regardless of the local he belongs to will pay exactly the same amount to support this new procedure. Yes, on the "local" level the larger ones will pay more than the smaller ones, but it is right to think in those terms? Can we not, in the name of progress and growth, rise above the mistrust and petty suspicions that chain us to a system that is honored now only because it is 25 to 30 years old?

old? To be a great local or a big one in numbers is one thing, but to demonstrate greatness is something that even those locals small in number can do. Let's try, for the purpose of this new program to put into effect those ideals and brotherly pledges that we have only been giving lip service to. Let's try for the purpose of this new program, to participate in it as individual union members and wipe out these imaginary lines. Lines that we think are keeping evil influences out but in reality are only breeding more within ourselves.

I don't believe there is a person who has more respect and admiration than I have for those old timers who by their determination and desire for progress established the benefits we enjoy today. To want to change or improve their system doesn't mean that system has been wrong for 20 or 25 years, but what would we have today if those people would have been content with \$5.00 a day? Nine or ten hours a day? Six days a week? Brothers, progress is a word much used in the labor movement. Let's all of us try to demonstrate it. That's what really counts.

The Local No. 40 blood bank cards are now in the mail. If each brother will send us the return card with the requested information it will greatly speed up this program.

If there are any members of this local who only read this column and then throw the paper away, make it a point to look over the rest of the paper. The editor and staff are doing a swell job of bringing us labor news that is both educational and interesting.

That's all for this week brothers. Local No. 40 meets again Friday, February 10th at 8:00 p.m.

## STEAMFITTERS NOTES, LOCAL 342

## Steamfitters Fight Anti-Labor Bill

By JIM MARTIN

Our last meeting held February 2, 1956 was very well attended. Several business managers and business representatives from United Association local unions in Southern California also attended our meeting.

The contract with the law of James F. Galliano was renewed for another year. This contract provides for legal advice and representation for our members involving industrial cases. The one dollar per year assessment is now due and payable.

The Maceo Company has announced that they have a new contract at the Standard Oil Company in Richmond. This involves new construction and maintenance work and will require some one hundred seventy five fitters and welders.

Our business office has been advised by General President Peter T. Schoemann that the KELLEY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BILL (HR 7535) will be voted upon by the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES very soon. Opposition to this BILL has announced a determined effort to prevent the DAVIS-BACON ACT prevailing wage requirement from applying to SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION under the BILL. All members of Local Union No. 342 are urged to write to their REPRESENTATIVES in their own words asking that CONGRESS retain the DAVIS-BACON prevailing wage provision now in the BILL and to oppose any amendment that would remove this provision.

Please report to our business office if you have changed your address or your telephone number recently.

For filing your returns see member of our Union Louis L. (Micky) Rossi, the income tax man. He has an office in the Labor Temple.

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of brothers: William B. Simonds, Alva Wright and William R. Bethel. The officers and members of Local No. 342 wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the families of our departed brothers.

## Ink-Roller Makers Set Picket Lines

The San Francisco and East Bay Ink and Roller Makers' Union No. 5 and the Los Angeles Ink and Roller Makers' Union No. 2 have established organizational picket lines around the plants of the Fred'k H. Levey Ink Manufacturing Company in San Leandro and Los Angeles. A campaign has been started requesting the buyers of printing inks to refrain from buying Non-Union products of this company.

Meetings have been held in New York City with top management without any concrete results, says Secretary Fred Brooks.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

## East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546 To All Shop Stewards:

You are herewith officially notified that the Shop Stewards meeting of Lodge 1546 will meet in regular session, Tuesday, February 14, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Refer to bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple for meeting hall.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 17 we will get together in a regular meeting beginning at 8 p.m. for such business as may regularly come before it.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL

The regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, February 16, at the Old Labor Temple, Soto and Streets, Hayward.

Yours fraternally,  
ANDRE LA ROCHE,  
Secretary

## Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The quarterly meeting in the Pleasanton and Livermore area will be held Monday, February 13, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Foresters Hall, Livermore.

The regular meeting in Hayward will be held Tuesday, February 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Millmen 550

Please attend important meeting Friday, February 17, at 8 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

At the meeting we will vote on the recommendations of the six-county conference (negotiating committee):

1. Demands on the employers in forthcoming negotiations.

2. Serve notice terminating our present trust agreement in order to provide for additional trustees.

Fraternally yours,  
E. J. ALLEN, President; M. D. CICINATO, Secretary

## So-Called Mind of Primitive Editor Gets Exposed on Subject of Unions

The Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator, published by the international union with which Carmen 192 is affiliated, recently reprinted an editorial which appeared in the Valley Morning Star of Harlingen, Texas. The Chattanooga Labor World reprinted it from the Motorman, with this comment: "It would be incredible to believe that a newspaper editor would print such drivel were it not that union members in Chattanooga are inured to hearing themselves called goons, thugs, and gangsters in the evening daily."

Here's the doughty Texan's editorial:

The bus drivers are striking the Valley Transit company and management reportedly has replaced the lot. That is sensible. A man who does not show up for his job should be off the payroll. He has quit.

There is a great deal of foolishness written and spoken about good unions. There isn't a good union and there never was and there never will be.

Unions are rackets by which smart operators delude, victimize and exploit poor working stiff who haven't taken the time, trouble or effort to think out what a swindle it is.

There is no compromise with a union. Either the owner of a business runs the show or the union does. The boss knows that, even though he likes to pretend he doesn't, and the union czars know it.

The union member is a nameless, faceless pawn in a game of power politics as the union wages war against the management and ownership.

The union member has no rights whatever. A simple majority can put him out of work on a strike vote. He cannot negotiate his own wages and hours; he cannot be promoted

according to his ability but only according to his seniority.

He is the tool of the union leader. He is a captive. He is a dues-paying number in a book. He is a weapon, an easy mark.

How can any union be good? When in the name of Heaven will American businessmen learn all unions are the mortal enemy of prosperity, free enterprise and human liberty? How long will it take to wake us up?

## Race Relations Theme Of Churches on Sunday

This coming Sunday, February 12, is Race Relations Sunday on the calendar of the National Council of Churches.

Churches are asked by the council to work to eliminate racial segregations from their congregations as well as throughout the nation.

LABOR-ENDORSED DEMO Elmer J. Holland, an official of the Pittsburgh, Pa., CIO Council, won the first 1956 Congressional election, beating his GOP opponent 3 to 1.

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## Theater B-82 Has Election Feb. 16

By JOE CONNELLY

The next union meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 1956 at which time we will report the results of the election, which will be held that day, with the polls open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

As this column is being prepared before the 2nd Wednesday meeting, it is possible that it will not be necessary to have an election if there is no opposition to the incumbent officers.

From time to time we have pointed out unfounded rumors concerning our contractual relations are spread. Recently such a rumor made the rounds to the effect that San Francisco was getting while we had not.

Quoting from the T-E-U News, the official monthly mimeographed bulletin of Local B-18 which reached our desk today (Tuesday) "Contract negotiations with the movie theaters of San Francisco are still at a standstill, with the next move in the hands of our International President."

Incidentally Local B-66, Sacramento, B-18, San Francisco and our own local requested International assistance jointly, and no one group is negotiating independently of the others.

Up and down the aisle... That Sacramento theater manager whom the newspapers recently credited with apprehending an alleged murderer is the same Bert Silveira, who saw service at the T & D, Broadway, Central and Palace theaters in Oakland.

Harry Gensler of the Paramount door is the latest to be sporting a new car... We close our column in memory of Joe Cosh a member of Theatrical Stage Employees' Union 107 who died recently at the Veterans' Hospital in Sausalito, in Southern California. Joe, for many years ran the Cosh Decorating Company in Oakland and serviced many events with banners, flags and like adornments.

Our deepest sympathy to the surviving members of his family and to Local 107.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Maritime Unions Vote To Self-insure Welfare

NEW YORK (AFPIO) — The National Maritime Union and 170 ship operators have voted to self-insure their welfare fund, which covers 40,000 East Coast seamen, following clearance by Supreme Court Justice Morris Eder.

The legal action was deemed necessary because of unclarified conflicts between state and federal laws and the refusal of State Insurance Supt. Leffert Holz to issue a ruling on the ground that a decision should be part of a comprehensive plan for supervising welfare funds which he will submit to Gov. Harriman next month.

The union and the companies expect to save \$120,000 a year by taking their own risks instead of paying premiums to an insurance company.

"YOUNG WOMEN have better opportunities in business, industry, and the professions than at any time in our history," says Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, Assistant to the Secretary of Labor for Women's Affairs.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

## 24 Deaths Little Noted, But Six in Floods Headlined

John Donne, the great English writer, once wrote: "Everyman's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind." In these lines he touched on a great universal truth, for the death of a fellow human being anywhere in this world is truly a cause of sadness, and is sadly set down in the ledger of God, whose eyes, we are told, marks the fall of even the tiniest sparrow.

During the year of 1955, in the forest products industry in two California counties alone, Humboldt and Del Norte, the lives of 24 of God's creatures were crushed out in accidents. These lives, precious to God and to the families and friends of the unfortunate victims, rated, in most instances, only a few column inches in the newspaper accounts of the mishaps, and brief obituaries.

Yet during this same year, when the rivers of these same two counties went wild, inundating vast areas of the county, six persons met death at the hands of the water. Their deaths rated headlines.

This is not to say that perhaps death does not rate a headline. The human life, with all its capacity for loving and hating, for doing good or evil, for remodeling our world as we know it for better or for worse, is perhaps the most important thing on this giddy planet. And the death of one, as Donne wrote several centuries ago, diminishes all.

There are two considerations that enter into the difference in newspaper treatment of the deaths. A flood is a dramatic backdrop—it comes quick and sudden, wreaking havoc, sweeping away houses and homes, leaving death by water. It is a thing which touches many people simultaneously. It exudes communal alarm, or even panic. But a death in the forest products is stark in its singularity. It touches directly on one individual, and indirectly only those who lose him as member of family, as friend, as employee.

The twenty-four "woods" deaths in the two counties last year were spaced-out things, January, February, March and April each producing one. May produced two, June four, July one, August four, September five, October one, and November two. They were in widely separated areas of the two counties.

But twenty-four fatalities in a single industry in two counties in the span of one year are far too many. — Redwood Empire Labor Journal.

PRESIDENT C. J. MEGAL of the AFPIO American Federation of Teachers has called the Eisenhower Federal Aid for Education Program "mostly a political gesture."

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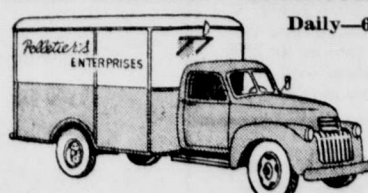
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## Pin Rail

## Theater Union 107 Agent Is Married

By WILLIAM PELKEY

John Craig, Business Agent of Local 107 Stage Employees gets married.

If these words shock you, then you will have a small idea how I feel. I am rewriting this in my bath robe, the column, was all set for this week and there comes a knock at the door, there stands Mr. Craig and his new lovely bride, Shirley Craig, looking like the cat that had just eaten the bird. It seems marriage has already changed Jack, as they were married in Las Vegas, and Jack only lost \$4.00, which is some kind of a record for Jack. I'm sure I am speaking for all the members when I wish them all the happiness and luck and best wishes, and may all their troubles be little ones.

The next meeting of Local 107 will be held Tuesday, February 14.

## Cecilia Bittner Files For Congressional Race

Mrs. Cecilia Bittner has announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 7th District.

Mrs. Bittner, and her husband, Lou Bittner, conduct an income tax accounting office. Among those sponsoring her candidacy are the following labor people: H. J. (Hub) Badger, Ed DeBarnabo, Sam Blanford, Ray Collier, Frank DeMartini, Jack Faber, Harry Goodrich, J. H. Johnson, Raymond Pease, Cy Stulting.

"OUR FUTURE Depends on Our Skills" will be the theme of the Twelfth Annual Eastern Seaboard Conference to be held at Swampscott, Mass., April 22-25.

UNION WAGE SCALES for time-rated local truckdrivers advanced an average of 11 cents an hour in the 12 months ended last July 1, the U. S. Labor Department reported.

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## OPINIONS

### 'IT IS OBVIOUS'

It is obvious the trade union movement cannot accept the idea of sitting across the table from management to find a solution for industrial problems that would bring benefit to all workers, employers and the Nation as a whole, if those on the other side of the table are actively engaged in a campaign designed to destroy our very existence as trade unions. — George Meany to the NAM.

### PATRIOTISM

We should behave towards our country, as women behave towards the men they love. A loving wife will do anything for her husband except to stop criticizing and trying to improve him. That is the right attitude for a citizen (or a newspaper). We should cast the same affectionate but sharp glance at our country. We should love it, but also insist upon telling it all its faults. — J. B. Priestly.

### DICK McSMEAR

Three years of basking in the illumination surrounding President Eisenhower has done little to discolor Vice President Richard (Dick) McSmeary. Nixon's tooth-paste ad smile that so often turns into a snarl when he speaks of Democrats. . . . It is indeed a blessing in many ways that the President's heart attack was not fatal.—Labor's Daily.

### RUSSIA

Whatever may have been the hopes for a friendlier attitude by the Kremlin toward the Jews, recent events in Soviet Russia appear to indicate a renewal of an anti-Semitic campaign, according to the most recent reports reaching the American Jewish Committee from its European office. — S. F. Jewish Community Bulletin.

### DICTIONARY

Skeptic: The man who believes you when you tell him there are 270,679,934,341 stars in the universe, but if a sign says "Fresh Paint," he has to make a personal investigation.

Civic-minded: That lady who called the city bridge department to find out how many points she got for a grand slam. — Chattanooga Labor World.

### JUDGMENT

There are few things wholly evil or wholly good. Almost everything, especially of Government policy, is an inseparable compound of the two, so that our best judgment of the preponderance between them is continually demanded. — Abraham Lincoln.

### EXPERT DEFINED

"An expert is a man who avoids the small errors as he sweeps on to the grand fallacy." — Benjamin Stollberg.

### REFORM

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## EDITORIALS

### Adlai Tells Us Labor People Here: Demos Face Big Problem

When Adlai E. Stevenson spoke to union people assembled at the Labor Temple last week his remarks were brief, but brief as they were, he managed to include in them the statement that the position of the Democratic Party in this campaign is not as comfortable as some enthusiastic Democrats seem to think.

Stevenson went no further than to indicate that the problem of the Democratic Party is to oppose successfully an Administration backed by Big Business and the Big Press. But although in his position as a candidate he cannot say so, probably so shrewd and principled a man as Adlai Stevenson also has in mind, when he speaks of the uncomfortable position of his party, the split in the party over natural gas regulation, and over the anti-segregation ruling of the Supreme Court.

Federal regulation of natural gas, which is the kind of gas that is imported by pipeline and used here in California, is what we labor people want. We don't see any reason why the producers of natural gas should be allowed to exploit us and a great natural resource without any control. But three big Democratic States, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, are heavy producers of natural gas; the gas fields spread over into Mississippi and Arkansas; Senator Fullbright of Arkansas, one of the leading relatively liberal Democrats of the South, is author of the bill which was intended to free natural gas production from Federal regulation. As for the anti-segregation dispute, most labor people are decidedly against the Southern Democrats on this issue also.

Apart from these internal struggles within the party—for the Northern and Western Democrats are in general opposed to the Southern Democrats on both the gas and the segregation issue—the Democratic Party faces the fact that the Big Business interests are hidden behind a very popular frontman and that we are in the midst of a boom which effectively covers up for the time being the give-away and goofaway policies of the Administration.

In the face of these problems, why, then, are most labor people strongly inclined to vote Democratic in election after election?

The answer is that while we are nonpartisan as an organization, yet both as an organization and as individuals we feel compelled to seek immediately the better, rather than wait around hopefully for the best and most of the time we find the Democratic Party a better bet for the interests of organized labor, and find the Republican Party a very poor bet indeed. Every labor man and woman is aware of this. We California labor people are infinitely more interested, for example, in the struggle between Stevenson and Kefauver than we are in the finagling going on between those eminent Republicans, Nixon, Knight, and Knowland.

We know, too, that the great voice raised against the natural gas exploiters is that of a Democrat, Senator Douglas of Illinois; and that men like the Democratic Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and Lehman of New York are the genuine and vigorous opponents of segregation.

The two-party system is not perfect, but here again we are accepting something better than waiting around for the best; and assuredly the two-party system, with all its faults, is better than the French many-party system, with its far more multitudinous faults. The French live in chaos, we live merely in confusion. But there is no reason we should be unduly confused. We are nonpartisan, but we know which party goes with us more than does another party; and the party that goes with us more, we go with more!

### Meet a Master Craftsman!

We American labor people are proud of our mass production and mass consumption records, but it will be a sorry day for us if we ever cease to strive for thorough and honest individual craftsmanship. As part of this, we do well to give heed to the good craftsmanship of men in other countries.

Take, for example, the World Clock, as it is called, designed by the late Jens Olsen of Denmark, an astronomical instrument maker. He died in 1945 before his masterpiece was finished, but money was provided to complete his scheme. So King Frederik of Denmark was able recently to press a button which set the wonderful contrivance going.

Olsen's World Clock tells the time in various ways, such as Middle European, Greenwich Mean Time, star time for different latitudes, and also shows the phases of the moon. Moreover, it shows the movable religious feasts, like Easter, and incorporates a calendar for 370,000 years. It indicates when and where eclipses of the sun and moon will take place and on which day any date within the next 4000 years will fall.

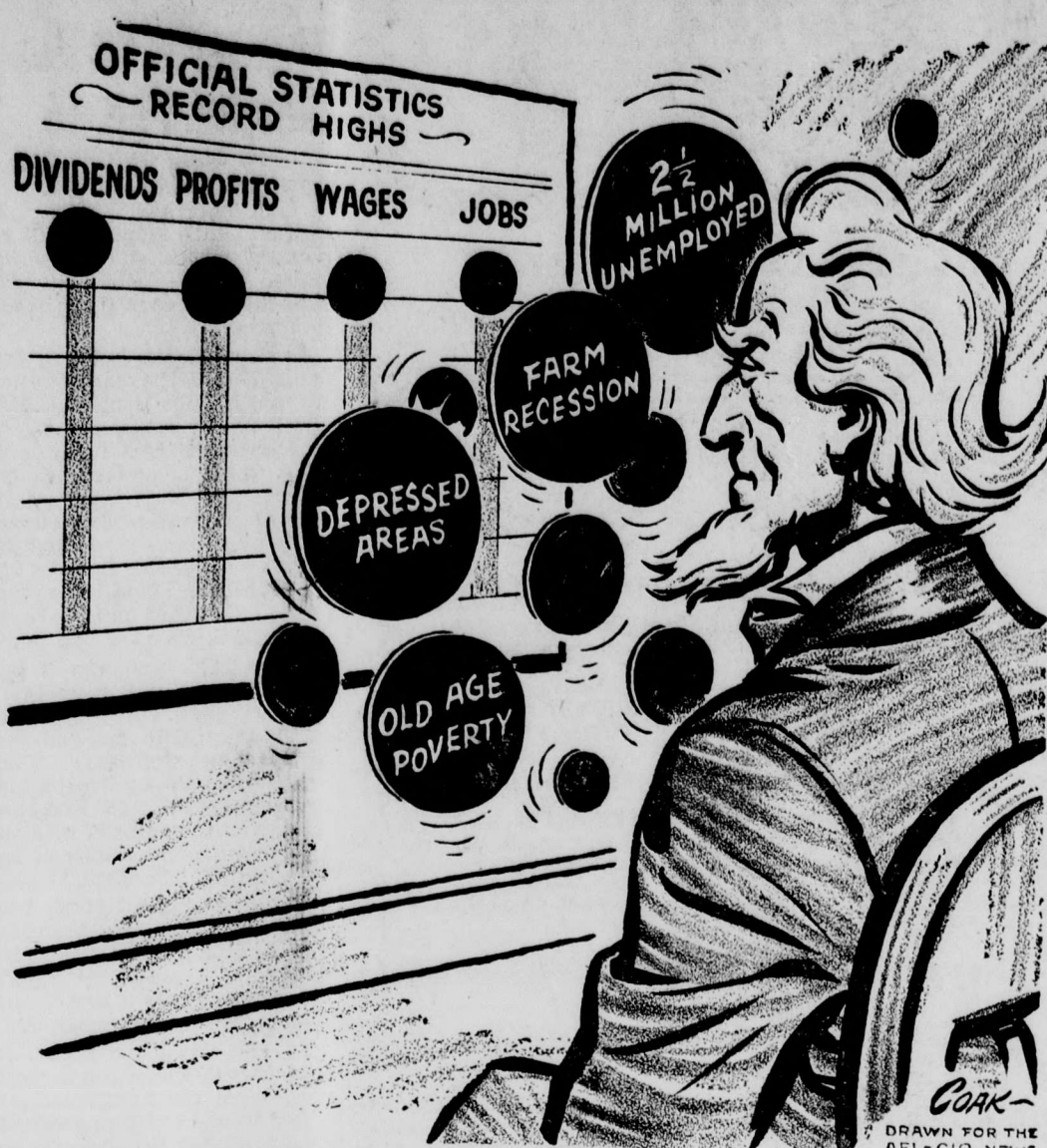
One part of the World Clock's mechanism is called the Festival Calendar, and will tick over only once a year when, six minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve, it will chime. It is claimed that this world wonder of a clock will only lose one second in a thousand years. It stands in a case seven feet high in the town hall of Copenhagen, and let's hope it's never bombed for the 370,000 years for which it is calendared.

Obviously, this master timepiece is more of a tour de force than a necessity. It might almost be called gadgetry. But in an age when automation is speeding up mass production every craftsman who has ever delighted in doing a neat and competent job with his own hands must take pleasure in contemplating such a triumph of patient skill applying intricate mathematical knowledge.

### 'So Avid for Profit'

Congressman Arthur G. Klein, Democrat, New York, says he doesn't think the big dailies are "so avid for profit" that they'd refuse to cut down the volume of ads published if the expected shortage of newsprint develops. Labor's Daily suggests that Mr. Klein is a bit naive. Our own hunch is that if there's a newsprint shortage the big dailies will use up a little more scarce newsprint saying it's all labor's fault.

### Spots Before His Eyes!



### High School Folk Asked to Discuss Lively Questions

A conference that should interest labor families which include high school students is to be staged at Asilomar March 23-25 by the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker agency.

The conference theme is: "Our American Heritage: Freedom for All."

By freedom the Friends mean freedom, not tame conformity. That's plain from the questions which they propose as "brain and emotion stretchers." Here are five of them:

1—If a person wanted to make a speech in your community against churches and religion, should he be allowed to speak or not?

2—Should a man whose loyalty has been questioned by a Government committee, but who swears he has never been a Communist, be permitted to speak? Or work in a defense plant?

3—Do students exchange programs develop tolerance for different points of view?

4—Does freedom of the press mean that newspapers should have unlimited right to comment on murder trials?

5—Should 'soapboxes' be provided for 'crackpots'?

Announcements have gone out to high school students and teachers and to public and private high school administrators. Any student, 9th through 12th grades, who has his parent's or guardian's permission, may register for the Conference at a fee of \$14.50 for the weekend. Further information may be obtained from the American Friends Service Committee, 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco.



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### Labor Meets Adlai at Temple; Richards Backed for Senator

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F. Damas, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Logue, Nelson of Machinists 284, John Schianvenza, Vincent Burda, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Chaudet, Mrs. Richard Groulx, Robert Taylor, Charles Garoni, Fred Venturi, Homer Stevens, Leonard Luckett, Joe Sullivan, Tom Bryson, Dan Breault, John King, Ed Merritt.

#### ADLAI AND ESTES

Both Stevenson and Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee spoke at the weekend gathering of the California Democratic Council in Fresno. They are rivals for the favor of California voters in the June preferential primary.

Both candidates disclaimed any desire to blacken each other in the course of the primary campaign, Lyle Cook of Berkeley, active in the Kefauver campaign in Alameda county, had blasted at Stevenson as Stevenson arrived in the State. But Kefauver said that Democrats could not afford to indulge in the luxury of internal party feuding. Stevenson said that he intended to attack the Eisenhower Administration, not other Democratic contenders.

Stevenson and Kefauver both received ovations at the Fresno gathering. Neither heard the other's speech, but each said polite things about the other in the course of the speeches.

#### RICHARDS ENDORSED

The Fresno delegates endorsed State Senator Dick Richards of Los Angeles for the U. S. Senate, giving him a vote of 1480 votes against 127 votes cast for former Congressman Sam Yorty. The contest is for the seat now held by Thomas H. Kuchel.

Richards asked for the support of the Yorty delegates once the decision had been made. But Yorty issued a sharply worded statement attacking Richards.

He made it plain he would continue in the primary race.

The Fresno gathering adopted a liberal platform or declaration, opposing "right to work" and the natural gas raid, asking for a Federal and State FEPC, repeal of Taft-Hartley, a single State water resources department, Federal development of Hell's Canyon, multi-purpose water development in Central Valley, rehabilitation aid to flood sufferers, and flood and disaster insurance.

### Nixon and Ferris On the GOP Ticket

SAN FRANCISCO — A radio station here has given orders to its announcers to listen closely if they are tuned to rival stations. The move followed an incident that resulted in an announcer at station KEAR breaking into a program with a news flash that President Eisenhower would not be a candidate.

The announcer had been listening to the Lowell Thomas program on another station, during which the commentator named a hypothetical GOP slate if Eisenhower decides not to run.

Thomas' slate (intended as a joke) consisted of Nixon and Ferris, who allegedly had Eisenhower's approval.

Oh, you know him. He's the big wheel at Coney Island.—Labor's Daily.

AMENDMENTS to the Constitution may be required to carry out the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit Commission's master plan in the bay district, declares Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

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### Building Trades Council Has Spotlight on Congressmen

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crease of the pay for jury duty from the present \$5 per day to "the wage levels established by organized labor in the State."

The council concurred in the resolution, and resolved that it be introduced at the next State Federation of Labor convention, and the coming convention of the State Council of Carpenters in San Jose.

The resolution was discussed by Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, Chester Bartolini, Carpenters 36, and Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622.

#### WELFARE HEARINGS

The board recommended that Childers investigate to determine whether coverage under the law setting up the Welfare Commission Wage Boards could be extended to include men.

#### FLOOD CONDITIONS

Board Chairman Joe Pruss has appointed a committee to investigate flood conditions in Alameda county, consisting of Childers, Charles Roe, Ed Fisher, Pruss, and E. H. Mountain.

#### CREDENTIALS

John Newton was seated as a new delegate from Plumbers 444. The following delegates from that local were reelected for the coming year: Ben Benyon, A. J. Heinson, Edwin Fisher, Seymour Bachman, R. Shapert.

Roofers 81 repeated the following delegates for the coming year: Con Silveria, S. A. Summers, Joseph H. Fredericks, William Phalanger.

#### 7-HOUR DAY

Engineers 39 wrote that the union is strongly in favor of the 7-hour day for all building trades crafts, but that engineers are unable to work that way because of the peculiarities of their craft, with the need for 24-hour service.

Bricklayers 8 wrote that they have the 6-hour day in their contract, and will return to it as soon as conditions warrant.

Boilermakers 39 wrote that at present they are unable to negotiate for the 7-hour day, as they come under the 7-State field agreement negotiated by the Metal Trades Council.

#### LOARD'S ICE CREAM

Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, requested in connection with the picketing of Loard's Ice Cream Co. that in all such cases the dispatcher for Local 70 be notified promptly that a picket line has been set up. He said that when such notification is given hauling to or from a place stops immediately.

Childers said that the picket line had been set up because a nonunion painter had been employed, that the employer said

he would refuse to recognize the union, and the picket was still there.

#### BROWN'S UC OPINION

Childers reported that Attorney General Brown had given an opinion that the UC Regents can voluntarily pay disability and employment insurance. Childers said that the council will accordingly make a demand on the university for such payments.

Bartolini and Hugh Rutledge, and Floyd Peaslee, 127, discussed the status of the university as an employer.

Bartolini pointed out that the Attorney General says the Regents can pay certain items, and the Regents claim they can't, which seems a very confusing state of affairs.

Rutledge said that he considers the University of California, next to Standard Oil, the biggest private employer in the State; that although the university says it is the State as an employer, actually money from Childers, Charles Roe, Heller, and other big foundations, and from the radiation laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission, goes through the university's hands; that maintenance men work on these projects, but their upkeep comes from these sources other than the State.

Childers, when asked what the turnover is at the university, said it is about 12½% annually, and that the university would be liable for unemployment, if it agreed to pay it, for only one out of eight workers.

Peaslee said it would take years in court to prove that the university is a private corporation, that at the hearing in Superior Court recently involving the university there was case after case cited on each side of that argument.

Eric Norberg, Laborers 304, pointed out that some years ago the Students Union won a case against the Regents as a private corporation.

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